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To the American student interested in housing reform the most interesting single fact about this German book is, probably, the nature of its contents—what is included in the term *Wohnungsreform*. Our books on the housing problem have had to do largely with housing legislation, the character of buildings, the kinds of materials, the size of rooms and all the other details of a building code and of the methods of construction. Some studies have gone more deeply into the social side and have carefully investigated actual housing conditions, the character of dwellings and their occupants. After all, however, housing reform in America has centered largely around a discussion of the type of building. The subjects included under the title *Wohnungsreform* are the following: the housing situation in general; the consequences of bad housing conditions and rents; the activities of the Imperial government; the federal states and the municipalities, with special reference to the direct provision of housing and to legislation; housing inspection, its organization, regulation and results; building codes and city plans; building activities carried on by building associations, philanthropic foundations, employers and others; the securing of capital for building activities; the land question and land reform, including a discussion of the price of land, municipal land policies, real estate taxation, parks, playgrounds and small gardens; the leasing of land; decentralization in large cities; the garden city movement; and many other subjects of lesser importance.

While this book cannot be recommended to anyone wishing to have a comprehensive statement of housing reform in Germany, it is, nevertheless, invaluable in bringing up to date (1910 included) the available information on the subject. One cannot even hastily run through the pages of this volume without realizing, with some regret perhaps in view of the activities in our own country, the bold, constructive and all-round manner in which Germany is attacking her housing problems. The housing reformers of Germany are not merely scratching the surface with palliative legislation, but are studying fundamentals and directing their attacks at the roots of the problem.

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